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Desai Sets Out Tasks Of His Government

Mr. Morarji Desai was sworn in as the fourth Prime Minister of India at a solemn, historic ceremony on March 24. The event marked the peaceful transition from the Thirty-year Congress rule to the Janata era.

Mr. Desai, in his first public pronouncement after taking over charge as Prime Minister, said his immediate concern would be to right all wrongs of emergency.

He promised that expeditious action would be taken to restore the rights and liberties supressed during emergency.

Addressing a crowded Press Conference Mr. Desai set out the aims of his Government. He said the main task would be to end poverty. He was hopeful of ending unemployment within ten years.

Immediate priorities would be repeal of laws directed against the press, action not only to restore but to guarantee at all times the Independence of the judiciary and amendment of the constitution to make it impossible for a future Government to impose emergency at will.

ANTI-DEFECTION ACT

Mr. Desai said the new Government would see that prices came down and that economic policies were geared to provide more employment opportunities and remove poverty.

Mr. Desai planned to give the "highest priority" to anti-defection legislation.

He said the Government would put a stop to the Imperial type of functioning. India was not an imperial country. India was a socialist country. Socialism to him meant freedom from exploitation and those be exploited being able to stand up against it.

There would be no public enquiry into the Government's secret services They were needed for the safety of the country but they would not be allowed to pry into the private lives of individuals. If there were complaints in this regard, these would be gone into.

DISCIPLINE

Mr. Desai said the fifth five year plan would have to be recast in terms of the Janata party's manifesto. While heavy industry was necessary and had to be developed, "what can be produced with less capital must be done by small and cottage industries."

Questioned as to how the new Government proposed to secure hardwork and discipline all over the country, Mr. Desai said if emergency only could bring about discipline, it would have to be perpetual emergency. "Discipline must come voluntarily and we must educate people into it. It must start from school, institutions and in the administrations and everywhere. First, the example has to be set at the top by us. When we do that I am sure there will be discipline. It cannot be forced. It can be forced for some time but not all the while."

SMUGGLING

"We have to deal with it. Smuggling has got to be stopped. But smuggling comes more because of help from Government itself sometimes. The administration has to be run in such a manner that it does not have to do anything with them (Smugglers), Mr. Desai said while answering a question whether special legislations would be enacted to deal with economic offenders, particularly smugglers, under the changed circumstances.

As for the Governments' policy towards opposition Mr. Desai said: "We will always seek their active cooperation, we will also have cordial relation with them.

On Centre State relations, he said, both must be strong and the relations should be cordial. "If the States are not strong the Centre is not strong. But if the Centre is strong and States are weak, then the Centre will go down", he said.

Prime Minister Morarji Desai told a press Conference in New Delhi that the Centre would not impose Hindi on the non-Hindi States.

He said "We do not believe in forcing down anything on the people. At the same time, I am confident that the people could be persuaded to accept Hindi as the link language in due course."

Mr. Desai said elections to the Tamil Nadu Assembly would be held soon.

On foreign policy Mr. Desai said India would not have special relations with any country, and would follow a policy of "proper non-aligments—fully non-aligned with no suspicion of any alliance with anybody."

He made it clear that the new Government could not disown what has been done by the past Government in international affairs.

He said that India's relations with all countries would be "cordial and good" provided it was reciprocated. His Government would not allow relations with one country to come in the way of its relations with another country. "We do not have any special relations with any country."

Mrs. Gandhi lays down office

Mrs. Indira Gandhi laid down office of Prime Minister accepting the verdict of the people "unreservedly and with humiliation." Mrs. Gandhi offered positive cooperation to the new Government.

Mrs. Gandhi's stewardship of the country began when she was elected leader of the Congress legislature party on January 24, 1966. Earlier she had joined the Cabinet of Lal Bahadur Shastri as Minister of Information and Broadcasting. She became Prime Minister following the death of Lal Bahadur Shastri.

Mrs. Gandhi led the Congress to success in two general Elections in 1967 and 1971. The 1971 elections, which followed the split in the Congress Party, had given her a massive two-thirds majority in the recently dissolved fifth Lok Sabha.

Writers: The Going Is Tough

Writing is merely a sideline for most European authors. They need otherwork as well to make ends meet, according to writers who have just ended their first literary conference in West Berlin.

The Congress was organised by the New Society for Literature and the League of German Authors under the patronage of the Europeon Council. Delegates selected a Committee which will have its headquarters in Strasbourg, and which will start publishing next May a special bulletin dealing with literary affairs.

A questionaire circulated to members in the eighteen States represented, showed that writers in general were finding the going tough. Even in the prosperous countries, the sale of books was not exactly booming. Authors seemed to have most success in Scandinavia and Great Britain.

Excluding the East bloc, there are about 60,000 to 80,000 authors in Europe, many of them already elderly. But only a minority are able to exist solely from their earnings as writers. For most of them, writing is merely a sideline. Even in Switzerland, only five per cent of authors earn more than twenty thousand frances a year, many of them less than a thousand.

John Erik Forssland said that there were only fifty full-time writers in Sweden, while the Portuguese delegate could name only two in his country.

Next year's conference is planned for Italy, while the 1979 venue is expected to be Portugal.

THUS SPAKE THE MAHATMA

Truly as Tulsidas said : 'Even though there never is silver in mother o'pearl nor water in the sunbeams, while the illusion of silver in the shining shell or that of water in the beam lasts, no power on earth can shake the deluded man free from the spell.'

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BIG DEFEAT

Smt. Indira Gandhi has been unseated.

Luckily Jayaprakash Narayan has lived to see the installation of his Janata Party at the seat of power in New Delhi.

Many are the reasons for the fall of the congress Party. The most important is the Censorship of newspapers. This factor alone had isolated the Prime Minister from the people. The lesson is there can be no functioning of democracy without a free press.

During the election campaigns in the Hindi States, the gains of the emergency were ignored. The pains were magnified. The atrocities committed in the Hindi heartland in the name of Nasbandhi (family planning) were not known to the South because of the strict censorship. A free press would have brought to the notice of the Prime Minister the miseries of the people. Unfortunately Nasbandhi proved to be the "greased cartridge of 1857," as somebody has put it.

Another reason for Congress rout was the rifts in the party's ranks. Jagjivan Ram defected at the crucial moment, with a good number of his followers. Ministers like Raghunatha Reddi didn't come out openly till the results were announced. Having enjoyed all the privileges of a Congress Minister he has suddenly discovered the "cruelties" of the emergency. Men of his mentality must have let down their own partymen in their constituencies.

Lastly the Sanjay factor. The gullible were ready to gulp all stories of dynastic succession. Here again a free and fearless press—especially the small papers—would have brought to the Prime Minister's notice the real reactions, of people who count, to the emergence of Sanjay on the political scene.

The intelligent people of the South stand by Indira Gandhi. The new Indira wave is sure to start from the South and carry the Congress in the Assembly elections, which will be called before the Presidential Poll.

Lasers To Help Save Sight

West German and American scientists believe they have made a breakthrough in their fight against diabetic blindness, with the use of laser beams.

Back in 1959 Professor Meyer-Schwickerath of Essen used light and photo coagulation methods—xenon lamps and laser rays—to save the retinas of patients suffering from diabetes. Two years of tests at sixteen US medical centres have shown that his methods work.

A total of 1,735 diabetics were treated successfully. Diabetics run the risk of blindness already five years after the first symptoms of the illness. In half of the diabetes cases, the retina is affected, particularly the fine capilliaries in the eyeball.

Opticians can usually detect these changes by injecting a fluorescent fluid, and early on, medicines can help to alleviate the symptoms. But if the retina has already been too baldy scarred by the bleeding, then the light coagulation method is the only way that a patient's sight can be saved.

Fish: A source of protein

Doctors at Bremerhaven's main hospital have found that fish can be one of the most easily-digestible sources of protein for patients.

Tests have shown that the sick lose more protein than they take in with normal foods. Loss of protein means loss of weight. Previously doctors had estimated that one gram of protein was needed per kilo of body weight. Very sick patients needed protein supplements.

But now doctors have found that the protein loss is greater than thought and that fish which contains a fifth of its total body content in the form of protein, is an ideal source of this for the sick.

Getting into the swim of things

It is not exactly a case of throwing them in at the deep end and to see if they sink or swim, but former world diving champion Heinz Bauermeister believes in teaching babies to swim.

He began his first swimming school for children eleven years ago and now plans to start up similar centres in other parts of the Federal Republic. His plans have been welcomed by teachers and psychologists.

As Professor Klaus Betke of the Munich University's childrens clinic says, small children are under greater stress in the sand pit than when they are enjoying themselves in the water, provided they have lost their fear of this elements. Swimming can also prepare children for competitive school spot.

Smallest Diesel Engine

The smallest Diesel Engine in the world made by a West German company. Complete with fuel tank air filter and exhaust, weighs only 33 kilograms and can be carried around easily.

But despite its smallness, length is only 29 cms, it has a capacity of 3.5 kw at 3000 revs. per minute.

The mini Diesel will prove handy on building sites, for concrete mixers, pumps and on boats.

New metal from old

As they say in Yorkshire (England), where there's much, brass—meaning there's money to be made from rubbish.

Now researchers in West Germany are also realising the truth of this, particularly after studying figures which show that every year a total of 481,000 tons of metal goes to waste in the production of steel and iron.

The Krupp concern in E sen, with help from the Bonn Reseacch Ministry, is now working out ways of putting a recycling process into practice to recover this metal for re-use. Half of the wasted metal can be recovered, from the metal dust and general residue. The amount of metal which goes to waste each year is estimated at 4$0,000 tons of iron, 24,000 tons of zinc and seven thousand tons of lead.

It's A Sin To Tell A Lie

Rudolph Martinez of Sacramento, California, prided himself on the device of his printing-house which said it printed everything but money. A while back he was arrested for forging twenty dollar bills. He's been doing it for a long time, it transpires.

Mr. Sub Paragraph Three

Colin Herring, who works for the Australin tax office, has changed his name to Sub Paragraph Three. "We are all nothing but statistics,' he has reportedly said, "so I decided that since I was going to record the fact legally." Sub Paragraph Three says tax officers are not permitted to throw anything but paper into waste-paper baskets.

Why Start Growing Old At 30?

By LMITRY CHEBATARYOV

With the increase in the number of elderly and old people in so many countries, ageing seems to be one of the urgent problems of the 20th century.

PROBLEMS

There are three main problems of the science of ageing. The first is to recognise the mechanisms of ageing, the adaptation of the organism and the part played in this process by self-regulation, in order ot find the links which can be influenced purposefully.

The second is to determine the part played by social and health factors in the preven ion or premature ageing.

The third embraces problems of geriatrics, the science which deals with the peculiarities of diseases of the human organism among old people

Many people reac advanced age whose blood relations lived to an extreme old age.

The inability to li long is a stable specific feature Longevity depends both on biological, hereditary abilities and on the conditions of living.

It should not be forgotten that the conditions of life of preceding generations were incomparably worse than ours.

Wars, famine, poverty and diseases were the reason why many died before the time.

Ageing, which begins at 30-35 years, is an inner contradictory process. Alongside phenomena of degradation and fading there appear important adaptational functions.

STUDY

It has been found, for instance that the more actively we use our brain and muscles the more slowly they grow old.

Scientists of the Leningrad Medical Institute of Sanitation and Hygiene studied the biographies of 865 outstanding scientists and artists who lived in the 13th-20th centuries.

One of the conclusions is that the abatement of productivity in the second half of life was observed only in 10-35 per cent of the scientists.

Another is that administrative work does not reduce productivity, but favours its preservation in older age.

The scientists from the Moscow Institute of Physical Culture, who examined a group of sports veterans (40-65 years old), showed that a motor regimen is of considerable importance for the preservation of health and adaptation to the conditions of the environment, and this, in turn, can slow down or speed up the processes of ageing.

In spite of the genetic factors of ageing, its development is considerably influenced by external actors and the the way of life in the first instance.

PROPHYLAXIS

Profession, intensity of work, diet, organisation of leisure, social background, climate and the diseases one has had are factors determining the span of life.

At one time, scientists shared the view that elderly and old people must save their energy. Now we are of a different opinion: energy forsakes you if you are not energetic enough.

Changes in the cardio-vascular system take place before anything else and in many systems they determine the condition of other organs and systems, in other words control the rate and character of ageing.

It has been proved that an active motor regimen, vitamin therapy, novocain, nerobol, placenta suspension and micro-elements extend the possibility of stimulating the cardio-vascular system.

New pharmacological preparations present combinations of vitamins of which the ageing organism experiences a particular need, as well as preparations containing micro-elements and amino-acids.

The system of wide prophylactic measures used in USSR and the sufficient number of doctors (326 to every 100,000 people already make it possible to actively help the ageing and old people.

Useful Study

Mayor of New York, which is going through an acute financial crisis and which the U.S. Administration has refused to help, recently visited Israel. Among other things, he made a close study of Jerusalem's budget. "Was the study useful?" a newsman asked him. "Yes, to a certain extent", the Mayor replied. "Israel's getting much assistance from Washington, we could do with it too."

Is Heaven High Or Nigh?

My heart pants for a cooling stream
As the evils surround and chase
My life to Brood and dream
Of ways that would my living grace.
I find no peace to soothe my life
I weep alone when all my hopes fly
Away leaving me to pine with grief
And cry "O, heavens why stay so high !"
My breath of life how it came and how it goes
I wonder at the god so wise and great
He gives for all and for all he shows
The ways to live with work and sweat

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FUN AND LAUGHTER

GUIDE!

"I have a male canary and a female canary. How can I tell which is which?" asked a woman of the proprietor of a bird shop.

The proprietor suggested: "Just put a male worm and a female worm into the cage. You will find that the male canary will catch the female worm and the female canary will eat the male worm."

"But," said the woman, "how can I tell a male worm from a female worm?"

The man drew himself up haughtily. "Madam," he said, "this is a bird shop. Ask the man in the worm shop."

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FIRED!

A young clerk was summoned to his employer's office.

"Of all my clerks, Freeman," began the boss, "I notice you seem to be most interested in your work. No hours seem to long for you and you never let the slightest detail escape you."

"Yes, sir?" said Freeman, with glowing and expectant satisfaction.

"Yes," continued the boss, "and so I am forced to fire you. It is such young men as you who learn here and then go out and start a rival business."

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NOT HERS

Standing at the gangway of a ship the steward kept shouting for the benefit of arriving passengers. "First-class to the right! Second-class to the left!"

A young woman stepped aboard with a baby in her arms. As she hesitated the steward bent over her and said: "First or second?"

"Oh," said the girl, blushing "it's not mine—it's my sister's!"

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WRONG!

A journalist rang up a Government department to check some facts about the import of salmon.

"I'm afraid they've given you the wrong extension," said a young man's voice, very cultivated, but very pleasant, and just a little sad. "I deal only with white fish."

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FACT!

"I've decided on a name for baby," said the young mother, "I shall call her Nanette."

Her husband thought it was an awful name to give a girl, but being a wise and tactful fellow he did not object.

"Splendid," he said, cheerfully. "The first girl I ever loved was called Nanette, and the name will revive pleasant memories."

There was a brief silence then, "We'll call her Sarah, after my mother," said the young wife, firmly.

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SECOND HELPING

The inspector had gone along the row of passengers examining tickets, and as he came to a woman sitting at the end, she looked up with a smile.

"I am so sorry, inspector. I'm afraid my little dog has eaten my ticket."

"That's a pity," replied the official. "I suggest you buy him a second helping."

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TOO SMART

"Isn't there a smarter assistant available to serve me?"

"No, madam—the smarter assistants saw you coming."

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"Is her father the kind of man who would pursue you if you eloped?"

"No, he's the kind of man who would move so that you couldn't find him, when you came back."

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DIGNITY

"What is dignity, Dad?"

"Dignity, my son, is what you think you have until the boss says, 'What's the meaning of this?'"

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THE FACT

"You'll excuse me," said one bather to another, "but I've been admiring your particularly powerful swimming and I wondered whether you ever thought of swimming the channel?"

The swimmer shook his head regretfull. "I've often thought of it, old chap, but the fact of the matter is, I cannot speak a word of French."

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FORTUNE CARD

Wife (reading husband's fortune card): "You are a leader of men. You are brave, strong-minded and popular with the opposite sex.' It's got your weight wrong, too."

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He was boasting that he never broke his work.

"Ah," murmurmed a little man a few feet away, "but he knows a lawyer who can't half bend it for him."

THE QUESTION

"In concluding what I am afraid has been rather a lengthy lecture, ladies and gentlemen, I now ask for questions."

"Yes, sir?"

"What time is it?"

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BORE!

A bore was speaking of an opera.

"There was one air so enchanting that it carried me right away."

"Can anyone whistle it?"

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EXCEPTIONAL

Wife: "Here's a scientist trying to prove that worms thinks."

Husband: "I think—"

"Yours may be an exceptional case, darling."

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BAD LUCK!

"My luck's right out, I lost a pot of money in a deal; then I had my car stolen; now my wife is ill. How's that for being dead out of luck?"

"Not as bad as mine, old boy. The other day I bought a suit with two pairs of trousers, and this morning I burned a hole in the coat."

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HER REASON

A big-game hunter was telling his wife all about his encounter with a Bengal tiger, and how he had finally shot it.

"Yes," he wound up, "it was a case of the tiger or myself."

She looked up at him proudly. "I'm so glad it was the tiger," she said, "otherwise we wouldn't have had this lovely rug."

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NO CREDIT!

A beggar had taken up his stand near a railway station. He accosted a well-dressed man.

"Sorry, I'm in a hurry now," said the man, "but I'll give you something to-morrow."

"That won't do," said the beggar. "You can't imagine how much money I lose giving credit."

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THE REASON

William came home with two black eyes.

"Fighting again" said his mother. "Didn't I tell you to count a hundred whenever you lost your temper?"

"Yes, I know," replied William, "but the other boy's mother only told him to count fifty."

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PHONING THE WIFE

Telephone Operator: "The charge for a call to Aberdeen is 3. 9d. for three minutes, every subsequent minute being charged pro rata."

Caller: "Haven't you a special listening rate? I'm phoning the wife."

COMPLAINT

The orderly officer entered the dining-hall and asked the men if there were any complaints. One recruit sprang up and said that he had found a cigarette end on the edge of his plate.

"Good Heavens, man!" exclaimed the officer. "What did you expect a packet of twenty?"

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IT IS RUST

A man had been complaining that he had chosen a wet spell for his holiday, when a friend interrupted: "It can't have been so bad—you're sunburned!"

"Sunburn nothing," he replied: "that's rust!"

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THE QUALITIES

Chorus Girl: "I'm looking for a man who's handsome, intelligent, gentle, fun-loving, well-dressed, athletic and dependable. Yes, those are the qualities I hope to find in my millionaire."

x x x

NOT THAT BAD

A woman motorist was driving along a country lane when she noticed two repair men climbing a telephone pole.

"Whatever are they doing that for?" she said, turning to her companion. "Surely my driving isn't as bad as that!"

x x x

A successful novelist felt he had not long to live. Calling his wife, he gave her instructions that he was to be cremated and ten per cent of his ashes scattered over his literary agents.

x x x

"I hear you've given up your job as kennelmaid. What's the trouble?"

"Oh, just dog-tired, I suppose."

x x x

"Who broke your window, Mrs. Johnson?"

"My husband, dearie. He ducked."

x x x

"I'm told her fiance's father is a judge."

"Really! Well, I must say her fiance isn't much of a one."

x x x

"My wife is the most wonderful woman in the world. And that's not just my opinion—it's hers, too!"

x x x

"Who was the blonde I saw you with on Friday?"

"The brunette you saw me with on Wednesday!"

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THE FIGHT

"Why does a bridegroom have to take his bride's hand in church?"

"Oh, just a formality—like two boxers shaking hands before a fight."

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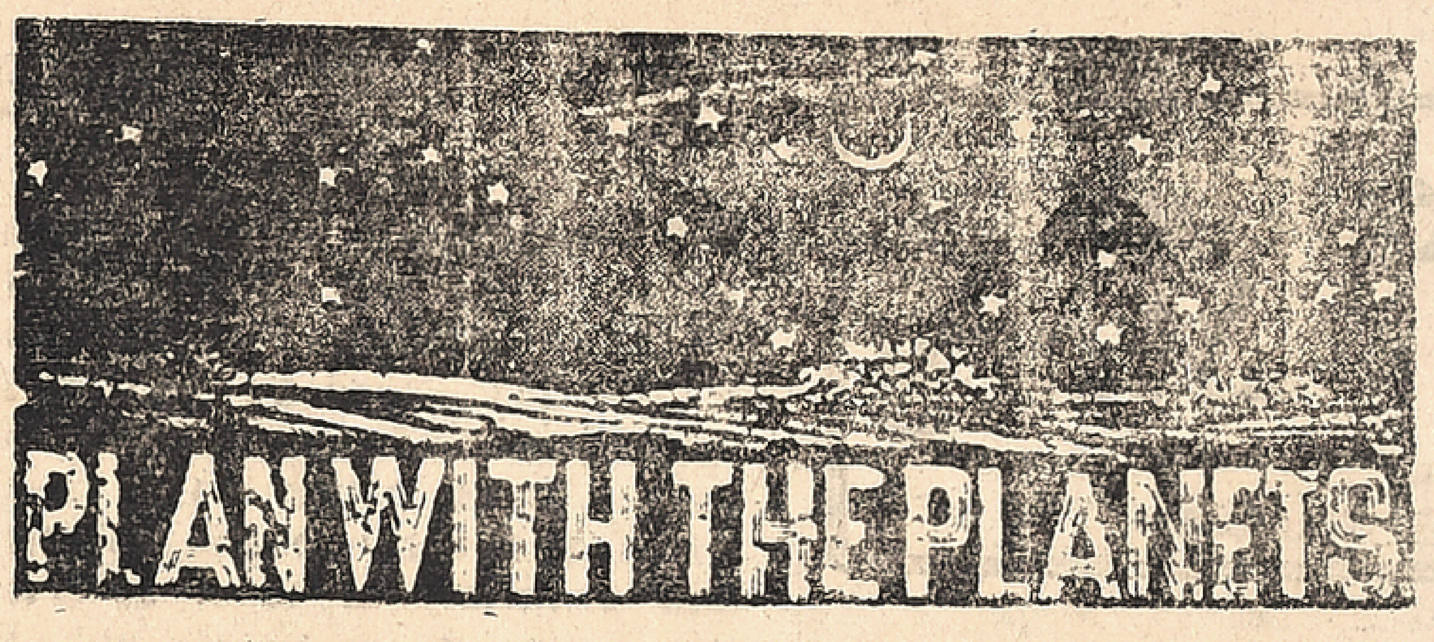
THE DIFFERENCE

Seven-year-old Molly was asked to explain the difference between pride and vanity. After a little thought she answered "Pride means 'I don't think much of you'; vanity means 'What do you think of me?'"



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GLOSSARY

Arudra	—திருவாதிரை
Pushya	—பூசம
Ashlesha	—ஆயில்யம்
Purva Phalguni	—பூரம
Uttara Phalguni	—உத்திரம்
Anuradha	—அனுஷம்
Jyeshtha	—கேட்டை
Purva Ashada	—பூராடம்
Uttara Ashada	—உத்திராடம்
Shravana	—திருவோணம்
Dhanistha	—அவிட்டம்
Satha Bhishag	—சதயம்
Purva Bhadrapada	—பூரட்டாதி
Uttara Bhadrapada	—உத்திரட்டாதி

MESHA (ARIES)
Aswini Bharani
Krittika 1/4

FAVOURABLE period continues. You should be able to start new ventures. Promotional possibilities are bright. Partnership matters could be finalised favourably. Financial position will improve. You can expect cooperation from your family members. Property matters should be handled properly to avoid complications. You may have to undertake short journeys frequently. Favourable days: 27th & 28th.

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VRISHABA (TAURUS)
Krittika 3/4 Rohini
Mrigashirsha 1/2

FAVOURABLE period to implement your programme. Major changes are indicated in office set up. Financial position will improve. But avoid speculative investments for some more time. Family members will be cooperative. Matters relating to children could be finalised favourably. You may have to undertake a journey shortly. Health will be well maintained. Favourable days: 28th & 29th.

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MITHUNA (GEMINI)
Mrigashirsha 1/2 Arudra
Punarvasu 3/4

FAVOURABLE period. You will be able to re-orgnasise your business set up. Financial position will improve. But avoid speculative investments. You should avoid friction with family members. Change of place is indicated for some. Property matters should be handled properly to avoid complications later. Promotional possibilities are bright. Health will improve. Favourable days: 30th & 31st.

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KATAKA (CANCER)
Punarvasu 1/4 Pushya
Ashlesha

MIXED results are indicated. You should wait for some more time to implement your programme. You will be able to solve some of your problems after two weeks. Financial position will improve. But avoid speculative investments for some more time. Family members will be helpful. Matters relating to children could be finalised. Property matters should be handled properly to avoid complications. Favourable days: 1st & 2nd.

SIMHA (LEO)
Maka Purva Palguni
Uttara Palguni 1/4

MIXED results are indicated. You should be cautious in dealing with strangers. You should consult your seniors before finalising important transactions. Major changes are indicated in office. You should be prepared for unexpected developments. You should avoid friction with family members. Financial position will improve. But avoid speculative investments for some more time. Favourable days: 27th & 28th.

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KANYA (VIRGO)
Uttara Palguni 3/4 Hastha
Chitra 1/2

FAVOURABLE period to implement your programme. Business will improve. You should also to try to start new ventures. Promotional possibilities are bright. Financial position will improve. Speculative gains are also indicated. Family members will be cooperative. Matters relating to children could be finalised favourably. If you are planning to go to foreign countries, you start making preparations now. Favourable days: 28th & 29th.

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THULA (LIBRA)
Chitra 1/2 Swathi
Visakha 3/4

MIXED results are indicated. You will be able to solve some of the problems in two weeks time. Financial position will improve. But avoid speculative investments. Family members will be cooperative. Matters relating to children requires attention. Partnership matters should be handled properly to avoid legal complications. Avoid long journeys unless necessary. Favourable days: 30th & 31st.

VRISCHIKA (SCORPIO)
Vishakha 1/4 Anuradha
Jyeshtha

FAVOURABLE period to implement your programme. Partnership matters could be finalised. Financial position will improve. Speculative gains are also indicated. Family members will be cooperative. Matters relating to children could be finalised favourably. Property matters should be handled properly to avoid legal complications later. Business will improve. You should also try to start new ventures. Promotional possiblities are bright. Health requires attention. Avoid impulsive action on 27th.

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DHANUS (SAGITTARIUS)
Mula Purva Ashadha
Uttara Ashadha 1/4

MIXED results are indicated. You should be cautious in dealing with strangers. You should consult your seniors before finalising important transactions. You should also avoid legal complications. Major changes are indicated in your office. Change of place is indicated for some. Property matters should be handled properly to avoid legal complications. Financial position will improve. Family members will be cooperative. You should be prepared for unexpected developments on 28th & 29th.

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MAKARA (CAPRICORNUS)
Uttara Ashadha 3/4
Shravana Dhanistha 1/2

FAVOURABLE period to implement your programme. Business set up could be reorganised to get best results. Promotional possibilities are bright. Financial position will improve next week. Avoid friction with family members. Also avoid arguments with partners. Matters relating to children could be finalised favourably. Property matters could be settled Health will improve. You should be prepared for unexpected developments on 30th & 31st.

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KUMBHA (AQUARIUS)
Dhanishta 1/2 Sathabhishag
Purva Badrapada 3/4

FAVOURABLE period continues. You should make best use of this opportunity to improve your prospects. Promotional possibilities are bright. Change of place is indicated for some. Family members will be cooperative. Matters relating to children could be finalised. Property matters could be settled favourably. Financial position will improve. But avoid speculative investments for some more time. Health requires attention. You should be prepared for unexpected developments on 1st & 2nd.

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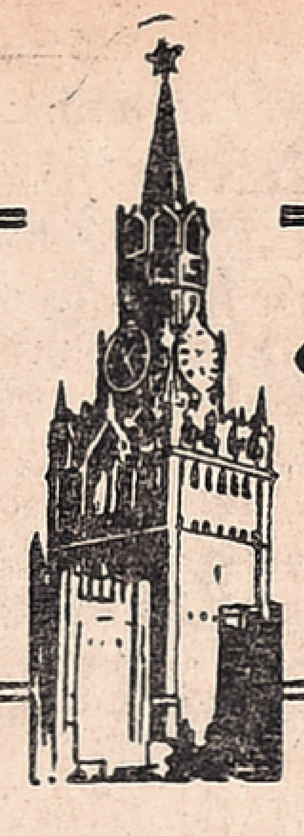
MEENA (PISCES)
Purva Badrapada 1/4
Uttara Badrapada Revati

FAVOURABLE period. You will be able to solve some of your problems with the help of family members. Financial position will improve. But avoid speculative investments for some more time. Business will improve. Change of place is indicated for some. Matters relating to brothers and sisters could be finalised. Health requires attention. Favourable days: 30th & 31st.

For The Record

Paris newspapers recently received a handbill. This, according to Le Monde, is what it says: "We offer you a hidden, absolutely undetectable means to preserve the traces of all your professional and private conversations...It is a de luxe attache case of a world-famous make. There is a false bottom with a sophisticated tape recorder under it.. ...The recorder is started by a miniature switch in the handle It is easy to conceive the wide range of possibilities such an apparatus offers".



Muscovite's Diary

Ivan Ivanov

60TH ANNIVERSARY OF MOSCOW CITY COUNCIL

The Moscow City Council, popularly known to Muscovites, as the Soviet of the working People's Deputies of Moscow, is the biggest body of the city administration in the USSR and is now marking its 60th anniversary. This body controls life in the Soviet capital, whose territory exceeds that of London and Paris. You know, Moscow's present population is 7.6 million and it is the fourth largest city of the world.

The Moscow Council maintains friendly ties with 60 municipal councils in foreign countries. This is one of the first Soviets (councils) set up in Russia by the proletariat during its uprising against autocracy, back in 1905. Later it became a full-fledged body of people's power upon the victory of the great October Socialist Revolution in 1917.

It may be stated here that all the activities of the Soviet are associated with Lenin's name. On March 12, after the Soviet government moved from Petrograd (today Leningrad) to Moscow, this city became the capital of the world's first socialist state.

In the period 1920 to 1924, Lenin was elected by Moscow workers as a member of the Soviet. After his death, at the proposal of the working people, his name has been inscribed for ever in the list of the Soviet,as its first and most honourable deputy.

Today, for example, the Moscow Soviet controls more than million flats-eight times more than in 1917.

At the last elections to the Moscow Soviet held in 1975. 1,160 Deputies were elected, half of them workers. The Deputies report to the electorate on their activities. This is one of the concrete manifestations of the people's socialist democracy.

Decisions are taken by the Soviet during sessions convened not fewer than four times a year. In the intervals between them business is conducted by the Executive Committee consisting of 25 Deputies headed by the Chairman. Since 1963 Vladimir Promyslov, a building engineer by profession, has been consistently voted to this post.

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SOVIET-INDIAN FRIENDSHIP WEEK IN MOSCOW

It was a glittering ceremony at the Moscow House of Friendship the other day when a week of Soviet-Indian friendship devoted to the 25th anniversary of the Indo-Soviet Cultural Society was begun, With a Soiree of Soviet and Indian women.

Among the large number of people who had attended the Soiree included members of the Women's Commission of the Soviet-Indian Friendship Society headed by its Chairman Lidia Kibirkshtis, activists of the Indian Women's Club in Moscow Wives of Indian diplomats, and Indian students.

A photo display dedicated to the ISCUS was also opened at the House on the occasion. Addressing the gathering, Lidia Kibirkshtis said that women played an important role in both countries and greatly promoted Soviet-Indian friendship and cooperation. She highly appreciated the role played by the two friendship societies in creating an atmosphere of mutual cordiality in both countries. The history of Soviet-Indian relations, especially in recent years, gives us ground to believe that traditional friendly ties between the peoples of the Soviet Union and India will further consolidate, she said.

Valentina Lyubomudrova, Member of the Women's Commission of the Soviet-Indian Friendship Society said, all round Soviet-Indian cooperation which has a great future, fully meets the interests of both nations and promotes world peace.

Mrs. Sinai, Vice-President of the Indian Women's Club in Moscow, in her reply, pointed out that the Soviet people have always shown deep sympathy for the Indian people's have always shown deep sympathy for the Indian people's struggle for a better future.

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LIBRARY MARKS A CENTENARY

The Historical Library in Pskov, in north-west Russia, celebrates its hundredth brithday this year. It is the possessor of one of the largest collections of books and manuscripts on ancient Rus-serious tomes, folk- and fairy-tales, and so on which has been considerably augmented in the Soviet times.

The Nazi invaders ransacked it during the war, and its treasures were scattered round Europe. After the war news began trickling in about their whereabouts, and gradually parr cels of books bearing the museum's stamp began to come back.

Besides book in the Slavonic languages, there are many in Latin, Greek, French, German and other languages.

Fruit Plants Around Tube-Well

Planning to raise some fruits around your tube-well? A good idea. May be you already have a kitchen garden; you can easily raise six to ten fruit plants there. It is better you raise dwarf and early bearing plants and a variety of them so that the fruits are available round the year. The following simple rules should be kept in mind while going in for fruit plants.

The soil up to 2.5 metres depth should be free from hard pan, layer of sand or any accumulation of injurious salts. The sub-soil water-table should also be lower than this depth. It would be better if the soil is got tested in the laboratory.

The nursery plants of only approved varieties should be procured from a reliable source. Fruit plants generally start bearing after 3 to 4 years. So if at that stage (bearing) plants are found to be of inferior quality-there being no alternative the plants are to be replaced with new nursery plants and thus labour of 3 to 4 years is wasted. Better obtain recommended varieties from a reliable source.

It has been observed that plants grown around the tube-wells or in the kitchen-gardens are usually not spaced properly. Lack of space not only inhibits the proper development of the plants but competition between plants, for food, water and air also increases leading to a very poor yield.

Different fruit plants require different space For mango, a 10 metre space should be kept between plants. For orange, lemon, peach, plum and guava, 6 metres will do. In the case of grapes, 3 to 6 metres are recommended. Plant papaya at 2.5 metres distance. In the case of ber, 8 metres spacing will do.

Pillage of Pompeii

About 10,000 art objects and antiques are stolen in Italy every year. Most of them go to the United States, Japan and other countries. Ancient Pompeii, proclaimed a state preserve, is a particular favourite with the thieves. There are fifteen watchmen in Pompeii, but the job is more than they can cope with.

One night at the end of January a gang of thieves armed with stone-cutting machines and a winch came to Pompeli in a lorry. They carved out twelve frescoes adorning one of the ancient palaces, took several mural from another house and several sculptures, and made their getaway.

Reporting this raid, the Paris Le Figaro recalls that a whole year has passed since the adoption of a law appropriating 5,000 million lire for the protection of Pompeii, Nothing, however, has been done to put it into force.

The Reason

"In Santiago," writes the New York Times "the air is unusually crystalline and smog-free. The Chileans quoted by the reason for this seemingly gratifying fact. The heavy slump Chile's industry is going through, they say, is decreasing the number of smoking factory stacks. There are also fewer and fewer cars in the streets.

Muhammad Ali's Offer

World heavy weight champion Muhammad Ali, who, the London Daily Telegraph writes, claims to be the most beautiful member of the human race, has offered his services to the U. S. President as a diplomat. "I know a lot of people in the Third World," he says. "I am the most recognized person in the world today."

Poor Consolation

Quoting police sources, the newspaper Australian writes that about 90 per cent of senior form pupils in Canberra, the country's capital, use drugs, particularly marijuana. A checkup revealed that 500 of the 650 students of college in the capital were drug addicts. Canberra residents may see consolation in the police statement that the situation in the capital is no worse than in Sydney or Melbourne.

Mr. Sub Paragraph Three

Colin Herring, who works for the Australia tax office, has changed his name to Sub Paragraph Three. "We are all nothing but statistics," he has reportedly said, "so I decided that since I was going to record the fact legally." Sub Paragraph Three says tax officers are not permitted to throw anything but paper into waste-paper baskets.

Try Me

Rich Fowler of the U. S. A. has advertised that he is ready to take orders to insult people over the phone. The fee is five dol lars per call.

"Offended"

By S. IVANOV

A sad Heron was walking along.

"What's wrong, Heron?" the Raven shouted from a tree.

"Oh! Don't ask, please," the Heron said. "I have just found out that the frog don't like me!"

"Well, what do you expect?" croaked the Raven. "They treat you as you treat them."

"But that's not true," sighed the Heron. 'I love them dearly, they taste so nice!"

Shorty Story

TOMORROW IS THE DAY

By VLADIMIR KLIMOVICH

It is too late now. Tomorrow I will be the happiest of mortals. Tomorrow I'm to wed the prettiest, tenderest, cleverest and most housewifely girl in the whole world.

I love her so much that I think of her every moment.

We will make an ideal couple. "I'll put my best foot forward: I'll take out the garbage bin, launder my own shirts, buy flowers for her, and have an occasional smoke only in the kitchen. "We'll entertain the deepest of respect for one another. We'll go to the movies together and do the washing up in turn. We've already agreed on everything.

And all thanks to Kukushkin. If not for him I wouldn't be getting married tomorrow. I was so awfully shy, didn't even have the slightest idea of how to make a girl's acquaintance.

Kukushkin is a great inventor. Even when we two went walking in the park and I'd be dreaming of saying hello to one of the pretty girls going by, he'd be busily whittling a stick or coiling a piece of wire.

One day Kukushkin came round and showed me a box-like contraption. It had a button on the lid.

"Grisha," he cried, "rejoice! This little gadget will help you to make the acquaintance of a wonderful girl. Come, let's go for a walk. The moment you spot her, bravely and boldly walk up and press this button. That will switch the machine on, the girl will at once see what sort of a chap you are and give you her name and telephone number".

Happy as a lark, I stuck the contraption into my pocket and off we went.

Now I no longer felt so shy and dared to stare every pretty girl right in the eye. Kukushkin patted me on the back and voiced encouragement.

Then SHE appeared. It was love at first sight. I overtook her and hopefully cried: "One moment, please!"

She looked at me and stopped. Upon which I pressed the button.

"My name's Lelia, but we haven't got a telephone at home yet," she said with a smile and extended her hand.

Kukushkin slipped off to invent some new gadget. I, meanwhile took Lelia under the arm, feeling that this was my dream girl. We dated one another steadily a whole month, Kukushkin's contraption gurgled approvingly in my pocket, and finally, Lelia consented to become my wife.

All those weeks Kukushkin had kept away. Only today, on the eve of our wedding, he phoned me. "You don't have to tell me anything," he said, "Just step out for a while, there's something I'd like to show you."

I felt a twinge of foreboding, I cradled the receiver and dashed out. Kukushkin drove up on a five-wheeled affair that had propeller up front. All five wheels spun in different directions.

He described a full circle, braked, and cried: "Get on behind!"

"Kukushkin," I said angrily, "don't you realise I'm going to be a happily married man as of tomorrow? What's the matter? I haven't got the slightest wish to take a ride on that bicycle contraption you've got there!"

"It's not a bicycle," Kukushkin retorted, eyeing me disdainfully. "This is a time machine. I want to take you for a ride into the future so that you may see for yourself what your life is going to be like."

A trip through time into the future, to see the fulfilment of my dreams was certainly an enticing idea. Without further ado I got on. Kukushkin switched gears and began to pedal hard. The wheels spun furiously and suddenly everything was dark. Then there was a click and it grew lighter. Kukushkin slammed on the brake and solemnly announced: "The future!"

I got off and glanced around. Everything looked fine. Indicating the nearest house with a wave of his hand, Kukushkin said: "This is where you'll be living, in Apartment 28. Go and see what your future is. I'll be waiting for you here."

With my heart in my mouth I entered, went up to Apartment 28 and pressed the bell. A few moments later I heard Lelia's voice: "Let this be the last time! Next time I just won't open the door for you. All other husbands open the door for themselves, only you keep on losing the keys torturing me with your idiotic ringing!"

The door opened, and Lelia, a plumper, stood before me. Filling the doorway, she demanded severely: "Where are my flowers?"

I stood there, crestfallen.

"I see," she continued in Arctic tones. "I give you one rouble a day. For 30 kopecks you can buy an excellent lunch, so you can well spend the rest on flowers for me. Barely five years have gone by but you've already forgotten all your promises! So this is how you think of me every moment of the day? All you men are the same, before the marriage you make all sorts of promises. Did you think you were marrying me to get a cook! No, you say? Then why didn't you do the washing up this morning? After all we'd agreed, hadn't you do the washing up turn, the first 20 years you, and then we'll see! Look at the state you've left the house in! Can't you do a bit of cleaning up every day! Everything you do is to spite me! Enough I'm going to the movies. And don't ask me to take you along! To have you first complaining about the picture and then falling asleep and whining for some Kukushkin. Better take out the garbage. And also run along to the greengrocer's. And to the bakery. Don't forget to cook supper. And, mind you, none of your smoking on the sly in the kitchen! If you want to smoke that much, step out on to the landing. But only after I'm gone. And now get a move on! What are you standing there and gawking at me for?"

"So that's how it'll be!" I thought. "And smoke on the landing into the bargain! No, that's not for me!" Slamming the door of my future dwelling I rushed out in search of Kukushkin. He was busy pumping the wheels.

"Kukushkin!" I cried. "Save me! Come on, think of something! I don't want that sort of Lelia!"

Stacking away his handpump, Kukushkin calmly said: "That's easy enough. Let's go back to that day in the park when you first met her. All you do is pass her by!"

"Hurry!" I cried and leaped on the back.

Kukushkin began to pedal furiously. The wheels spun, it again grew dark, there was a click, it grew lighter and again we found ourselves in the park. Again pretty girls were passing by. The moment Lelia appeared, Kukushkin clasped my hand and whispered into my ear: "Now, watch out!"

I approached her thinking with horror of the future that lay in store. I was adamant, was not going to say a word, but the moment I drew abreast of her, I suddenly blurted: "One moment, please!"

Lelia stopped and extended a hand. Kukushkin heaved a deep sigh and vanished.

Now it's too late! I'm getting married tomorrow!

Alcoholism

Statistics show that the number of workdays lost in Britain as a result of drunkenness is five times that lost as a result of illness: The number of alcoholics has reached half a million. They account for three times as many accidents as the teetotallers.

Bride Racket

"Brides for hire" has become a new profession with unemployed British women, says the London Daily Telegraph. Enterprising crooks, it says, are cashing in on the law which says that African and Asians can stay in Britain only if they are married to British girls. The present fee for the bride is £50. A certain Mr D, the paper writes, has built up quite a racket, supplying girls, providing them with wedding rings, finding "husbands" and signing marriage documents as the girls father. Sharon Gray one of the "brides", has already married ten men under bogus names. Another went through three wedding ceremonies in one month.

Multi-Purpose Caskets

Worldwide Caskets of America, a California coffin-making firm, has found an original way of increasing trade in its products. It started when a lady made a wine rack out of it. The firm also makes expensive mahogany coffee tables and bars. It recently took an order to make a bathtub out of a coffin.

Gun Boom

There is one kind of business in Italy that is not afraid of slump. It's gun trade. Last year alone the police received more than a quarter of a million requests for handgun licences, 170,000 of them were granted. No one knows how many weapons were bought in the thriving black market in illicit arms. There are also gun fashions. After the run of the Hollywood movie "Taxi Driver", for instance, there was an increase in the sales of the huge 44. Magnum revolver with which the hero was armed. In Palermo, the mafia capital, the most popular weapon is the submachine gun. The main reason for the gun boom is growing crime, especially the increase in holdups, armed robberies of banks and jewellery stores, and kidnappings.

Lucrative

The contest for the most coveted, unwritten, unoutlined book in modern American and international publishing—the memoirs of Henry A. Kissinger—has been won by Little, Brown & Company of Boston, a subsidiary of Time Inc., writes the 'New York Times'. The paper does not say how much the company is promising to pay the author. Rival publishers, however, place the figure at no less than $2 million, and that only for the North American book rights. It is estimated that worldwide book rights and publication of excerpts in newspapers and magazines will raise that sum to about $5 million. This does not include possible radio and television rights.

Now It's Boeing

A member of the Lower Chamber of Japan's Parliament, recently made an interpellation concerning reports of birbery involving Japanese Officials and the Boeing aircraft concern. The reply from the Government side was that the Government intended to approach the U.S. Government on this question and would continue investigations. And so after the Lockheed scandal comes a Boeing scandal. Who's next?

Dangerous

The Paris Monde Diplomatique writes that the Uruguayan rulers hold the world record in the number of prisoners—one out of every 450 inhabitants is in jail. That's not surprising, considering that a person may be arrested even for singing the national anthem if the authorities deem that he lays "too much stress" on the words: "Tremble, tyrants!" That's exactly what happened during the recent celebration of Independence Day.

Tax Evasion On Massive Scale

Big business also practises massive tax evasion by means of various machinations or else gets taxation reduced to ludicrously low levels. Of the 200,000 French firms, LE MONDE writes 70,000 conceal their real incomes. In Italy, the PANORAMA weekly reports, industrialists and other businessmen underpay the state up to 9,000,000 million liras in taxes annually. A tremendous sum comparable to the country's annual trade deficit. In Belgium, LE DRAPEAU ROUGE writes, the capitalists annually conceal at least 120,000 million francs from taxation.

Welfare Society Myth Exploded

There is hardly any need to discuss all the channels of the redistribution of wealth in the capitalist world, all the springs and levers of disguised and undisguised robbery the big capitalists use to get additional profits. Even in years of crisis big companies soldom have losses to declare. On the contrary, very often many of them make record gains. In 1974, an "unfavourable" year, the profits of nine of the 15 leading French firms were 40 to 156 per cent higher than in 1973. In the FRG, real wages increased by 1.1 per cent in 1973 while the profit netted by 100 major companies jumped by 28 per cent. In recent years there has been a sharp rise in the profits of the US oil companies and a number of big international monopoly associations.

Choosy

It is reported that 65,000 cars were stolen in the Federal Republic of Germany last year, or 30 per cent more than in 1975. Incidentally, the thieves have become more choosy. They no longer steal any old car. They prefer Mercedes. The thieves are well organized and sell most of the stolen cars abroad, chiefly in the Middle East. That perhaps explains, writes the Hamburg weekly Stern, why they can't find most of the stolen cars.

Child Labour

There are about 43 million children aged six to fifteen years working in industry and agriculture in the non-socialist part of the world, according to the International Labour Organization. In the developed capitalist countries children aged between 10 and 14 years account for 4 per cent of all people employed. In the developing countries' which had long been ruled by foreign captial, the figure is much higher—up to 30 per cent.

In most of the capitalist countries there are special laws limiting or forbidding child labour, but they are systematically violated. In the United States, for instance, some 800,000 children work for miserable wages on farms and plantations in contravention of such laws. In the Federal Republic of Germany, according to its press, the authorities registered 682 violations of the Law forbidding the employment of minors in just one year, but only in 78 cases were the parties responsible called to account. Child labour is widely used in Italy. According to the Italian trade unions, at least 500,000 children are employed in different branches of the the country's economy. Some 200,000 children below the age of fourteen have to earn their daily bread in Spain. Between 1970 and 1976, writes the journal Cauderenos para el Dialogo, the number of children employed increased by 90,000. In these same years the number of adults who lost their jobs increased considerably. In their drive for profits, the employers shamelessly use cheap child labour.

Rome's Biggest Landlord

One— quarter of Rome is in the hands of the Vatican, writes the Italian magazin L' Europeo in an article on landownership. The enumeration of plots of land, houses and palaces belonging to the Holy See has taken up seven pages of the magazine. The greater part of this real estate is fully or partly tax-exempt.

L'Europeo mentions instances of the former living quarters of the clergy being rebuilt for commercial purposes. The Franciscan Sisters, for instance, sold one of their houses to a private firm for 1,100 million lire. The latter tore it down to make place for a luxury hotel which it sold for 4,500 million lire to a Vatican-controlled company.

FILM NEWS

Selvi

A song was recorded at the AVM Studios under the direction of Ilayaraja for the film SELVI, produced by S.P.V. Films, recently.

T.M. Soundararajan rendered the song composed by Panju Arunachalam.

Directed by SP Muthuraman the film have all important characters portrayed by newfaces.

Story and dialogue are by Panju Arunachalam and photography is by Babu.

Balaparitchai

Anandhi Films' BALAPARITCHAI directed by the veteran director V. Srinivasan is making fast progress at the studios.

Sujatha and Muthuraman play the lead roles supported by Neelu and A. Sakunthala in important roles.

Thooyavan is writing the screenplay and dialogue for the original story provided by Kalaignanam.

T.M. Soundararajan is looking after the music.

Vilakku Erikindrathu

Chamundeswari Kala Chitra unit is very busy with the shooting schedule of their Tamil film "Vilakku Erikindrathu".

Sivaji Ganesan plays the main role. Among others the cast includes Kamalahasan, Vijayakumar, Jaiganesh, Srikanth, V.K. Ramaswami, M.R.R. Vasu, Sujatha, Savithri, Sangeetha, A. Sakunthala and Manorama.

Script work is done by A.L. Narayanan and lyrics are by Pulamai Pithathan, Madhurakavi, Balasundaram and Tekkur Navanna. Ilayaraja is composing the notes.

V. Selvaraj is 'shooting' with the camera directed by the veteran director T.R. Ragunath.

Badrakali

Cine Baarath's "BADRAKALI" will be celebrating its 100 days of successful run this week end. Produced and directed by A.C. Thirulokchander it proved to be a popular film. The main attraction of the film is the fine acting of late Ranichandra. Besides it has popular tunes.

Kurukshetram

N.Y.K. Combines' are planning to release the mamoth production "KURUKSHETRAM" in Cinemascope and colour on Tamil New Year's Day. The film originally taken in Telugu cost the producers, Madhavi Padmalaya Combines, about 60 laks of rupees. It is running to full houses in Andhra Pradesh.

The cast of the film includes Jamuna, Chandrakala, Latha, Anjali Devi, Vijaya Nirmala, Jayapradha, Sobanbabu, Randhava, Kantharao, Chandramohan, Rajbabu, Nagabhushanam and a score of leading artistes of the Telugu films. K. Kameswara Rao has directed it.

The Tamil dubbing is done by T.N. Subramaniam assisted by Sadatcharam. B.S. Roy and Babubhai Mistry have handled the camera.

Sivakumar, Ranichandra and 'Major' Sundararajan in "Badrakali".

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